

MORGAN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

May 9, 2022

Be it remembered that a Morgan County Legislative Session was begun and held in the town of Wartburg, Tennessee on the 9th day of May 2022. The Honorable Brian Langley was present and presiding.

Sheriff Wayne Potter called the session to order.

The following members were present:

Melissa Bryant, Michael McGrath, Jerry Zorsch, Janet Adkisson, Eli Anderson, Freddy Seavers, Terry Jackson, Randy Roberts, Steve Walls, Earl Headrick, Vera Scarbrough, Fred Snow, David Hennessee, Vernon Justes, Bill Shannon, Robert Byrd, Susie Kreis and Michael Raiford

Absent were: None

Also present: Morgan County Clerk Cheryl Collins and Crystal Garrett, Finance Director where and when the following had and entered to wit:

Invocation was led by Pastor Russell Jones

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Russell Jones

Chairman Langley began his Executive Report. The following occurred this month:

Leadership Morgan	Remodeling Courthouse
Annex/Wilson Building	Litter Grant Seminar – Sumer
Back Tax	Congress Fleishman
Tanner’s Opening	TN Risk Mgmt – Sidewalk Grant
Oakdale VFD	ARP monies’
Proclamation – Nursing Home	Bridge Dedication
Property Assessor-Knox Energy	National Day Prayer
Proclamation – Teacher Appreciation	

Citizens Comments:

Steve Potter – Reminder of Mudding on the Mountain June 4th

#1 – Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements

Motion made by Commissioner Walls and seconded by Commissioner Justes to approve the April 11, 2022, minutes with a correction of Motion #17 – to read - Motion to close a portion of Ernie Hurst Road (approx. 225’). Ernie Hurst Road connects to Twin Bridge Road, the property owner has agreed to build a turn-around, and approval of the trustee’s report.

Motion passed unanimously (18/0)

#2 – Notaries – Kimberly Clark, Candice Johnson, Lora Fountain, Dawn Perry
Motion made by Commissioner Scarbrough to approve the aforementioned notary applicants; Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Executive Langley asked Enbridge to make their presentation. Mr. Adam Parker of Enbridge stated that their intent is to expand the existing natural gas pipeline in Morgan County. This is to assist TVA in looking for additional fuel sources instead of coal. They will be holding a public meeting on June 22 at Wartburg Central High School from 6-8 pm.

Executive Langley asked Sheriff Potter to explain the plumbing issue at the jail. Sheriff Potter stated that the jail has had many plumbing problems and a company has submitted a proposal for correction of these issues. This is the only company that has shown any interest in fixing the problems. Mr. Wilkey of Engert explained that they have inspected the whole building a couple of times and have completed a proposal of cost to repair the whole building. This will be 7 chases, the Kitchen and Mechanical room. The building has a lot of galvanized pipes all these need to be replaced. They will put everything back with Wiloby parts and all brass fixtures. It will take approximately 3 weeks to get parts and 10-12 weeks to complete project. Mr. Wilkey stated that it would be 2 1/2 months before they could begin working. Part failure is covered by a 1-year warranty, no adverse effects will be covered, and labor is covered for 2 years.

#3 – Motion – To Bid the Plumbing Project at Jail

Commissioner Zorsch made a motion to advertise the plumbing project for bid at the jail, Commissioner McGrath seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#4 – Motion – Appoint Dianne Smith and Sumer Evans to Library Board

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to appoint Dianne Smith and Sumer Evans to the Morgan County Library Board, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#5 – Motion – To Approve Tentatively the Spending of the 2nd Half of ARP Funds

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to tentatively approve the spending of the 2nd half of ARP Funds, he would like approval for the budget committee to cut spending on any section without commission approval but if there were an increase in any area it would come before full commission for approval.

Motion approved unanimously. (18/0)

#6 – Motion – Surplus Office Furniture in Trustee's Office

Commissioner Bryant made a motion to surplus the 2 desks and 1 filing cabinet in the Trustee's office, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

Budget Committee

#7 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-31 – Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-31 in the amount of \$19,875.87 for insurance recovery, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#8 – Motion – Budget Amendment 101-34 – Drug Court

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 101-34 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Drug Court Grant, Commissioner Bryant seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#9 – Motion – Budget Amendment 151-1 – Debt Service

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 151-1 in the amount of \$93,388.00 to cover cost of capital outlay not payoff for solid waste and fiscal agent charges, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#10 – Motion – Budget Amendment 171-4 – Capital Projects

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve budget amendment 171-4 in the amount of \$300,226.75 for Y/E amendments/capital projects cleanup, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#11 – Motion – Budget Amendments #73-85 for BOE

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Board of Education budget amendment #73-85, Commissioner Hennessee seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#12 – Resolution – Transfer General Purpose Funds to Federal Projects Funds

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from General Purpose School Funds to the Federal Projects Fund on June 30, 2022, Commissioner Justes seconded. Finance Director Garrett stated that this to help with cash flow problems due to the flow of COVID monies going through the schools.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#13 – Motion – Changing Local Option Sales Tax to General Purpose School Instead of Debt Service

Finance Director Garrett stated that the Local Option had been going to the Debt Service for schools' debt and want to switch to general purpose schools to help with several budgets. Commissioner Roberts made motion to approve the changing of local option sales tax to general purpose schools from debt service, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#14 – Motion – TDEC – ARP Funding for Utilities

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the distribution of ARP monies to each utility company that is based in Morgan County along with the Coalfield sewer system which will be handled by the schools and county. Commissioner Justes seconded. The funds are based on number of customers serviced.

Motion approved unanimously. (18/0)

Road Committee

#15 – Motion – Closing of 225' of Ernie Hurst Road

Commissioner Walls stated that a public hearing was held before the County Commission meeting concerning the closing of 225' of Ernie Hurst Road and there was no opposition, so he made a motion to close the portion of road, Commissioner Kreis seconded.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#16 – Motion – Addition of Lynn Valley Road to Official County Road List

Commissioner Walls made a motion to add Lynn Valley Road to the official county road list – Lynn Valley is 2100' long with a 40' ROW. The citizens have requested a 20 mph speed limit on road. The road meets all county specs, Commissioner Hennessee seconded. This is pending ROW being deeded and registered to County.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

#17 – Motion – Addition of Mountain Vista Road to Official County Road List

Commissioner Walls made a motion to add Mountain Vista Road to the official county road list – Mountain Vista Road is 1200' long with a 50' ROW. The citizens have requested a 15-mph speed limit on road. The road meets and exceeds all county specs, Commissioner Kreis seconded. This is pending ROW being deeded and registered to County.

Motion passed unanimously. (18/0)

There being no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Roberts made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Justes seconded.

Meeting Schedule

Budget Meeting	-Monday, May 16 6:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, May 23, 6:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, June 6, 6:00 pm
Budget Meeting	-Monday, June 27, 6:00 pm
Commission Meeting	-Monday, June 27, 7:00 pm